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SUBJECT: REPORTED USG REACTION TO SCHLESINGER'S REMARKS ON
MILITARY AID TO THE PRC

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1. LOCAL PRESS ON APRIL 14 AND 15 CONTINUED TO GIVE PROMI-
NENT COVERAGE TO USG REACTION TO FORMER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
SCHLESINGER'S APRIL 11 STATEMENT CONCERNING U.S. CONSIDERA-
TION OF MILITARY AID TO THE PRC.

2. APRIL 14 PRESS FOCUSSED ON REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO AN
UNIDENTIFIED "SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL" WHICH WERE
CARRIED BY CNA AND BASED ON AN APRIL 12 WASHINGTON POST
ARTICLE. APRIL 15 PRESS ADDED A NEW TWIST BASED ON A CNA
DISPATCH DATED APRIL 13, WASHINGTON, WHICH REPORTED THAT
PRESIDENT FORD ON APRIL 13 AT A MEETING WITH FIVE NEWSMEN
SAID THAT THE WHITE HOUSE HAD NEVER DISCUSSED THE QUESTION
OF GRANTING MILITARY AID TO THE PRC BUT THAT A LOWER LEVEL
MIGHT HAVE DISCUSSED SOMETHING WITH WHICH HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR.

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3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FULL TEXT OF WASHINGTON

POST ARTICLE CONTAINING REMARKS OF THE UNIDENTIFIED STATE
DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT'S VERSION OF
WHAT WAS SAID BY THE OFFICIAL. WE WOULD ALSO WISH TO RECEIVE
ANY INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE ON PRESIDENT'S
STATEMENT TO NEWSMEN DESCRIBED ABOVE.
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